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Art Unit 2161

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/935,724; Filed: August 24, 2001
For: **Word Sense Disambiguation**
Inventor: Roger B. BRADFORD
Our Ref: 2366.0030001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312;

2. Comments On Statement Of Reasons For Allowance; and

3. ONE (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 4, 10, 11 and 15 in the Notice of Allowance mailed October 11, 2005.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicant notes the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance. In the Statement, the Examiner indicated that claims 4, 10, 11 and 15 were deemed allowable over the prior art of record for including the feature of "discerning an implicit position of a sense of the subject term, each implicit position corresponding to *at least one occurrence of a subject term*." Applicant wishes to note that the feature referred to by the Examiner should instead read "discerning an implicit position of the sense of the subject term, each implicit position corresponding to *at least one determined cluster*." *See, e.g.,* text of claim 4.

Furthermore, the Examiner characterized the allowed claims as including a single "nonobvious improvement" (i.e., the aforementioned feature) "in conjunction

with the remaining claim limitations." To the extent that this characterization suggests that each of the other features of claims 4, 10, 11 and 15 are in the prior art, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Furthermore, Applicants do not in any way agree that claims 4, 10, 11 and 15 are patentable only because of a single limitation recited therein, but instead respectfully submit that it is the combination of features recited in those claims which are patentable over the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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